

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for selecting and assigning parking, comprising:
a data repository electronically retaining location data for parking, pricing data for parking and predetermined geographical data;
5 at least one user interface having a display; and
a controller interfacing with said data repository and said at least one user interface, said controller comprising:
a retrieval module structured to retrieve data from said data repository;
a processing module interfacing with said retrieval module and being
10 structured to process the data based on predetermined parameters; and
a display module interfacing with said processing module and said at least one user interface and being structured to display the processed data in the form of an interactive map on said display of said at least one user interface whereby the user can selectively request geographical information relative to parking and
15 the adjacent locale to enable the user to select parking.
2. A system according to Claim 1 wherein said interactive map comprises user-activated menus containing corresponding geographical information.
- 20 3. A system according to Claim 1 wherein said display module is structured to display payment options comprising at least one of bank account drafting and credit card processing.
4. A system for facilitating the selection and assignment of parking, the
25 system comprising:
a processing element capable of generating and displaying an interactive map containing available parking for selection by a user, said processing element also is capable of receiving data corresponding to the parking selected by the user, and wherein said processing element is further capable of assigning parking to the user.

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5. A system according to Claim 4 wherein the interactive map comprises user-activated menus containing corresponding geographical information.

6. A system according to Claim 4 wherein said processing element is capable of displaying payment options comprising at least one of bank account drafting and credit card processing.

7. A system according to Claim 6 wherein said processing element is capable of receiving data corresponding to the payment option selected by the user, and said processing element also is capable of processing the payment.

8. A system according to Claim 4 wherein said processing element is capable of assigning the user the selected parking.

9. A system according to Claim 4 wherein said processing element is capable of issuing the user a temporary parking permit.

10. A system for facilitating the selection and assignment of parking, the system comprising:
a processing element capable of receiving a request from a user for selected geographical information, said processing element being capable retrieving data corresponding to the selected geographical information, said processing element being capable of processing the data according to predetermined parameters, and said processing element being capable of generating and displaying the requested geographical information as a component of an interactive map to enable the user to select parking.

11. A system according to Claim 10 wherein said processing element is capable of displaying payment options comprising at least one of bank account drafting and credit card processing.

12. A system according to Claim 11 wherein said processing element is capable of receiving data corresponding to the payment option selected by the user, and said processing element also is capable of processing the payment.

5 13. A system according to Claim 10 wherein said processing element is capable of assigning the user the selected parking.

14. A system according to Claim 10 wherein said processing element is capable of issuing the user a temporary parking permit.

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15. A method of selecting and assigning parking, comprising:
receiving a request electronically from a user interface for information
corresponding to at least one of location of parking, pricing for parking and availability
of parking;

15 retrieving data corresponding to the requested information from a data repository;
processing the data according to predetermined parameters;
generating an interactive map based at least in part upon the processed data; and
displaying the interactive map at the user interface to enable a user to select
parking.

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16. A method according to Claim 15 further comprising:
receiving a request electronically for geographical information;
retrieving data corresponding to the requested geographical information from a
data repository;

25 processing the data according to predetermined parameters; and
displaying the requested geographical information at the user interface as a
component of the interactive map.

17. A method according to Claim 15 further comprising displaying payment
30 options to the user at the user interface.

18. A method according to Claim 17 further comprising:
receiving the user's payment selection; and
processing the user's payment selection.

5 19. A method according to Claim 15 further comprising assigning the user the
selected parking.

20. A method according to Claim 15 further comprising issuing to the user a
temporary parking permit.

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21. A computer program product for facilitating the selection and assignment
of parking, the computer program product comprising a computer-readable storage
medium having computer-readable program code portions stored therein, the computer-
readable program portions comprising:

15 an executable portion for generating and displaying an interactive map containing
available parking for selection by a user, said executable portion receives data
corresponding to the parking selected by the user; and wherein said executable portion
assigns parking to the user.

20 22. A computer program product according to Claim 21 wherein the
interactive map comprises user-activated menus containing corresponding geographical
information.

23. A computer program product according to Claim 21 wherein said
25 executable portion displays payment options comprising at least one of bank account
drafting and credit card processing.

24. A computer program product according to Claim 23 wherein said
executable portion receives data corresponding to the payment option selected by the
30 user, and said executable portion processes the payment.

25. A computer program product according to Claim 21 wherein said executable portion assigns the user the selected parking.

5 26. A computer program product according to Claim 21 wherein said executable portion issues the user a temporary parking permit.

27. A computer program product for facilitating the selection and assignment of parking, the computer program product comprising a computer-readable storage medium having computer-readable program code portions stored therein, the computer-readable program portions comprising:

10 an executable portion for receiving a request from a user for selected geographical information, said executable portion retrieves data corresponding to the selected geographical information, said executable portion processes the data according to predetermined parameters, said executable portion generates and displays the requested
15 geographical information as a component of an interactive map to enable the user to select parking.

28. A computer program product according to Claim 27 wherein said executable portion displays payment options comprising at least one of bank account
20 drafting and credit card processing.

29. A computer program product according to Claim 28 wherein said executable portion receives data corresponding to the payment option selected by the user, and said executable portion processes the payment.

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30. A computer program product according to Claim 27 wherein said executable portion assigns the user the selected parking.

31. A computer program product according to Claim 27 wherein said
30 executable portion issues the user a temporary parking permit.